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#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

##### **Tuesday, Oct. 14**

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 <sup>30</sup> am
Executive Matters	1pm

##### **Wednesday, Oct. 15**

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

##### **Thursday, Oct. 16**

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30p

##### **District 3 Staff**

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## **COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE OCTOBER 2014**

Aloha,

### **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN WAIMANALO BAY**

In late July, a community meeting was held at Waimanalo Elementary School to discuss on-going concerns with the recent increase in commercial activity in and around Waimanalo Bay.

Myself, along with City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) director Michele Nekota, and other representatives met with the community to hear their suggestions on ways to address this growing issue.

We held a subsequent meeting in late August to get additional community input and discuss some of the general concepts with community members.

The general consensus remains that for-profit activities should be prohibited within the beach parks and the beach right-of-ways with exceptions for certain community events and non-profit activities; similar to the bans enacted for the parks around Kailua Bay.

My office is presently drafting legislation, based on these two meetings and we will be aiming to have one more community meeting, later this month, before introduction.

### **CONTINUING WORK ON PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

Now that the Council has worked to address, retroactively, some of the issues with the Residential A classification our attention is now focused on some of the other issues that were raised during the compromise discussions.

One concern has been that the income threshold for the Real Property Tax Credit program, which limits the tax liability of those on fixed incomes, has not been raised since the program began many years ago. While the cost of living continues to increase here in Hawaii it seems to reason that the Council should be taking a looking at increasing the income limits used to determine who is eligible for assistance. Budget Chairwoman Ann Kobayashi has introduced a bill which would increase the current limit to \$60,000. While I do support a re-evaluation of the income limits, I do believe that it might be more appropriate to look at legislation that would automatically increase these limits to keep them inline with inflation.

The other big issue that arose was the fact that when local families move residence, be it up-sizing or down-sizing, they must wait a year for the homeowner's exemption to take affect on their new property. (*continued*)

As a result there are many homeowners who lose out on this important tax benefit for no practical reason. To address this issue, I introduced Bill 57 (2014). If approved, this measure would ensure that the homeowner exemption follows its owner to their new property and takes effect immediately. Bill 57 (2014) will be heard by the full Council at this month's regular meeting.

### **"VETERAN" DESIGNATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES**

"Veteran" designations are now available for Hawaii driver's licenses, state ID's, and instruction permits.

Persons who served in any of the uniformed services of the United States and received a discharge other than dishonorable are eligible. Applicants must provide proof of qualification. Acceptable documents include:

- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- NGB Form 22 (National Guard Report of Separation from Active Duty)
- Prior to January 1, 1950 – WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO, 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD, NAVCG 553
- Discharge Certificate reflecting characterization of discharge
- Verification letter issued by the Veterans Administration
- Verification letter issued by the Office of Veteran Services

Applicants requiring a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge, or other Military Documents to verify Veteran and Military eligibility status may go to: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Alternatively, applicants can contact one of the following offices:

- National Personnel Records Center: (314) 801-0800
- Hawaii State Office of Veterans Services at (808) 433-0420

Applicants whose driver's license, permit, or state ID's are not within the renewal period may add the veteran designation by applying for a duplicate by presenting one of the documents listed above. Regular duplicate fees will apply.

Applicants for new or renewal driver's licenses, instructional permits, and state ID's are required to provide the necessary documents for proof of name, date of birth, social security number, principal residence and legal presence status.

If you have specific questions, regarding the process, you can contact the City's driver license/ state ID offices at: 532-7730

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### **ROAD RE-PAVING UPDATES**

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road repaving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island. Please visit the following website:

**[http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc\\_docs/Street\\_List\\_Web\\_Layout\\_Report\\_20140909.pdf](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc_docs/Street_List_Web_Layout_Report_20140909.pdf)**

It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office!